

2 CITY LAWS PASS; MANY BILLS STILL CLOG LEGISLATURE

Walker's Housing Shortage Measures Buried Deep Down in Committee.

BUS LINE SIDETRACKED

Senate Kills Plan to Compel Payment of Taxes Five Months Ahead.

DANCE LICENSE PASSES

Police and Firemen Affected by Several Bills—City Chamberlain Stays.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Albany, April 5.

Scores of bills dealing with New York city affairs remain in Senate and Assembly committees, while others fill the calendars of both houses. Only two measures directly affecting New York city have become law, leaving the bulk of municipal legislation yet to be acted upon. The two laws authorized the State to enter into a treaty with New Jersey for the creation of the New York Port Authority, which is to develop New York harbor transportation facilities, and increasing the pay of teachers of New York city schools.

The bill requiring the city to adopt voting machines for the general elections has passed the Senate and is expected to pass the Assembly this week. Changing the Aldermanic districts so they will conform as nearly as possible to the Assembly districts is provided in a bill just sent to Mayor Hylan. The Democrats charged that it is a political gerrymander and it probably will be vetoed by the Mayor. The Legislature is expected to pass it over his veto.

Tax Collection Change Killed.

The Downing bill, advancing the date for the collection of taxes was killed in the Senate this week in spite of the pleas of the Democrats that it will save the city between \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in interest charges. It was an administration measure. The bill offered by Senator Simpson abolishing the office of City Chamberlain, over which Mayor Hylan and Comptroller Craig have been at odds for more than a year, probably will die in the Assembly Rules Committee.

The three Walker bills to relieve the housing shortage situation by encouraging building, which are backed by the city administration, probably will get out of the committee. They would authorize the appointment of a housing director by the Mayor and permit the investment of sinking fund moneys in building bonds.

Gov. Miller, at a recent conference on the Cottino bill, permitting the State to lend money for building, declared he did not believe such methods provided the proper solution of the housing problem.

Mayor Hylan's bus line bills will meet their usual fate in a legislative pigeon-hole. Senator Cottino's bill licensing dances

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To go to England by ships of the Caronia class he cannot get a cheaper rate than \$225, two passengers in a room. If he is extravagant he may

and dance halls is now in the hands of Mayor Hylan and is expected to become a law.

The Rayner bill, empowering the Board of Aldermen to license ticket speculators, has passed the Assembly and now reposes in the Senate Cities Committee.

Taxi License Bill Sleeping.

The Steinberg bill transferring the licensing of taxicab drivers to the Police Department probably will pass away quietly in committee.

The Harris park sparrow police bill has passed the Senate. The Burlington bill increasing the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and boosting the pay of other Fire Department officers is expected to pass the Senate this week. Senator McCue's bill authorizing the Police Commissioner to reorganize the pay of other members of the uniformed force who served in the war has passed the Senate.

Senator Burlington's bill increasing the salaries of members of the police force is still in committee, together with the Smith and Harris bills creating a detective division in the Police Department. Commissioner Enright is behind the latter two bills. The Jesse bill creating the position of military police inspector, to be selected from the uniformed force by the Police Commissioner, at \$4,500 a year, is on the third reading calendar in the Assembly.

The Downing bill increasing the salaries of Mayor Hylan and Comptroller Craig from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and that of the President of the Board of Aldermen from \$5,000 to \$10,000 has been killed. All New York charter revision bills undoubtedly will be abandoned because of the certainty that the Legislature will order an investigation of the city.

TRUCK DRIVER RESCUES A DROWNING MAN

After Saving Him Drives Off, Refusing to Give Name.

A truck driver who had hastily wrung some of the water from his clothes and returned to his team at the foot of Dupont street, Brooklyn, drove off yesterday, refusing to give his identity. He roared an angry "Naw!" at persons who said they wanted to recommend him for a medal. The truck driver had jumped into the river and rescued James J. Cunningham, 42 years old, of 1143 Manhattan avenue, who was struggling in the water.

INQUIRY IN GRAVES KILLING LEADS HERE

Buffalo District Attorney Suddenly Changes Plans and Rushes to N. Y.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BUFFALO, April 5.—Guy B. Moore, District Attorney, who announced last night he would cause the indictment today of the slayer of Luther Pomeroy Graves, changed his plans suddenly this morning and went to New York city. Deep mystery was thrown about the sudden turn the case had taken and Mr. Moore's trip by every one connected with his office.

A pack of twenty-five love letters written on pale blue and white paper, some in a masculine hand and the others bearing a feminine touch, were taken to the office of the District Attorney by a private detective to-day. These letters, it is said, will play an important role in the solution of the murder. The name of the writer of the letters is held secret by the police, as are the contents.

Officials of the District Attorney's office or detectives working on the case refuse to disclose why Mr. Moore went to New York. It had been planned to have the Grand Jury report this morning and return an indictment. After examining Mrs. Josephine J. Owens, proprietor of the boarding house where William Redmond, brother suspect, lived, and George Barrett, the chauffeur, whose garage is next to the Graves garage, Mr. Moore changed his plans and departed for New York. According to one report, his mission is to locate a man who was with the slayer of Luther Graves on the night of the murder. This man, it is believed, is a bootlegger who makes his headquarters in the metropolis.

The only witness to go before the Grand Jury to-day was Pauline Owen, 15 years old, a daughter of Mrs. Josephine Owen. The girl was brought to Buffalo from Hornell by Police Chief Higgins. It is said she had been spirited away to Hornell because "she talked too much."

OCEAN FREIGHT RATE WAR MAY END TO-DAY

Steamship Officials to Hold a Final Conference.

It is probable that to-day will mark the end of a disastrous rate cutting war that has been going on among the transatlantic steamship companies for more than a year. If peace is declared, rates on certain commodities will advance from 50 to 100 per cent. and more.

Steamship officials said yesterday, however, that the new rates will be less than they were before the cutting began. The war was the result of the French line refusing to join the conference in 1920. The settlement was arranged at a meeting of the freight managers of the lines affected at the local offices of the United States Shipping Board, 45 Broadway. The participation of E. Pouchet, director of the commercial service of the French line, means that France apparently has decided to abandon its course and join with the other nations in stabilizing rates.

Some of the commodities to be affected by the new tariff are agricultural implements, alcohol, asphalt, canned goods, general cargo, cereals, coffee, soap, copper, flour, fruit, grain, glucose, grease, oil, lumber, peas, beans, tobacco and wax.

It is believed that a final agreement will be reached at a meeting at the Shipping Board offices this morning.

FATHER OF SIX ENDS LIFE

John Prestoli, father of six children, jumped from the pier at the foot of East Thirty-sixth street yesterday, drowning in the East River. His home was at 317 East Fortyeth street. Near the shore end of the pier he passed a neighbor, a Mrs. Garden, of 233 East Thirty-fifth street, who was out with her baby. Prestoli waved his hand and called: "Good-bye, God bless you." He walked rapidly past her and out to the end of the pier, where he leaped. Some men from a coal barge threw a rope, but Prestoli would make no effort to catch it.

AUTOMOBILES KILL 3 BOYS AND WOMAN

Policeman Driving His Own Motor in Brooklyn Runs Over Playing Child.

Patrolman John Leonard, attached to the Fifth street police station, Brooklyn, last night ran down and killed with his automobile Irving Spencer 4 years old, of 5723 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn. Leonard was driving to his home at 1680 Eighth street. The car is his own. Mrs. Spencer had taken her son along while she went to call on some friends at 459 Twelfth street. She was sitting on the porch when the boy began playing with some neighboring children and ran into the street in the path of the policeman's car.

Two automobiles crashed on the

grade at Convent avenue and 145th street. Mrs. Nellie Buckley, 59 years old, of 78 North Broadway, Yonkers, a passenger in a car driven by her brother, Sylvester Harvey of the same address, was killed. Her head was crushed by the impact and her jugular vein cut by broken glass. Harvey's car, which was southbound, was thrown against the curb and went partly over. George Nelson, 501 West 145th street, driver of the other car, received a fracture of the jaw. Harvey's right shoulder was fractured. Miss Margaret Buckley, 24, daughter of the dead woman was unhurt, but suffered from shock. She was taken back to a sanitarium at Riverdale, where she had been a patient. Her mother was taking her to Atlantic City when the accident happened.

Vincent Stratford, 2, of 151 Guernsey street, Brooklyn, who had been left out at play and got into the street last night, was struck by an automobile driven by Edward Stanley of 1991 Bathgate avenue, the Bronx, and killed.

Lisidore Ehrlich, 3 years old, of 144 West Fourth street, Manhattan, was struck by an automobile as he stepped from behind a surface car in lower Sixth avenue last night. He was dead when picked up. Dominick Zeume of 184 Lafayette street was arrested on a technical charge of homicide.

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